proposal for creation of a Bench of the Karnataka High Court. Further action in the matter could be taken only after receiving proposals from the State Government concerned.

Free Flow of Medicines in Market

1826. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MRTP Commission has come to the conclusion that the All India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists are preventing from flow of medicines into the market;

(b) if so, what are the details of the conclusions made by the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission in the matter; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to effect free flow of medicines in the market so that people do not suffer from non-availability of drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) In three cases of restrictive trade practice in 1981 and 1982, the MRTP Commission directed the All-India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists, amongst others, to discontinue the alleged restrictive trade practice.

On October 28, 1986, the MRTP Commission passed an interim injunction restraining the All-Inlia Organisation of Chemists, and Drugists from indulging in restrictive trade practice by putting restrictions on manufacturers in the introduction of new medicines in the market or selling of the medicines in a particular area etc. This injunction has been stayed by an order of the High Court of Calcutta.

On another application filed by the Director General of Investigation & Registration under Section 10(a) (iii) allegating the restrictive trade practice of fixing uniform discount for wholesalers and retailers, the MRTP Commission has issued notice of enquiry.

Aid from OIL for Social Welfare Work

1827. SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and addresses of the receipients of the financial aids from OIL Duliajan for social welfare work in the last financial year, alongwith the amount against each receipient; and

(b) the names and addresses of the proposed receipients of such aid in the current financial year alongwith the proposed amount against each proposed receipient?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Two statements containing the required information are laid on the Table of the Sabha. (See statements I and II below).